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Women teachers in Vizagapatam.

411 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHANA RATH MAHASAYO: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education—

(*a*) to state whether women teachers who possess no knowledge of Telugu have been appointed to teach drawing, kindergarten and other subjects in the Queen Mary's High School, Vizagapatam; and

(*b*) if the Government cannot replace them by teachers whose vernacular is Telugu.

A.—The present drawing teacher and the kindergarten mistress, who are trained, are both Indians and their vernacular is Telugu.

Sista karanas in the Presidency.

412 *Q.*—Sriman SASIBHUSHANA RATH MAHASAYO: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Education to state whether—

(*a*) it is a fact that the Sista karanas of this Presidency are treated by the Government as Telugus;

(*b*) the Sista karanas have made representations to the Government against their inclusion in the category of the Telugus;

(*c*) the Oriyas have made representation to the Government that the Sista karanas are Oriyas and should be treated as such; and

(*d*) in view of such representations the Government cannot revoke G.O. No. 215, Home (Education), dated 14th February 1920, and place them on a par with the other Oriyas of this Presidency.

A.—(*a*) Sista karanas who do not speak Oriya are not classed as Oriyas for the purpose of the Madras Educational Rules.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The matter is under consideration.

Silting up of the Gōdāvari anicut.

413 *Q.*—Mr. A. SUBBARAYUDU: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to state whether it is a fact that the depth of water near the Gōdāvari anicut is steadily decreasing and that the river is getting silted up above the anicut; if so, to state whether any steps are being taken to prevent it.

A.—The Government is not aware that any general silting up of the Gōdāvari bed above the anicut is now going on.

Mr. G. VANDANAM:—"Will the Government be pleased to institute enquiries?"

The Hon'ble Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—"Government have no objection."

II

The Madras Cattle Disease Act Amendment Bill.

The Hon'ble Rai Bahadur K. VENKATA REDDI NAYUDU:—"Mr. President, the Bill I have the honour to move to be read in the Council to-day is a very small amendment Bill. The Madras Cattle Disease Act imposes on the hospital pound-keeper an obligatory duty under section 6 requiring the owner of an animal or the